

This is an amendment to 16.26.2 NMAC, Sections 14 and 16, effective 12/9/2025.

16.26.2.14 QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR A HEARING AID DISPENSER BY EXAMINATION: Application for licensure by examination as a hearing aid dispenser must be accompanied by documentation of the following:

- A. proof that the applicant is 18 years of age or older;
- B. proof that the applicant has a high school education or the equivalent;
- C. proof that the applicant has a business location in New Mexico;
- D. a notarized letter from the qualified sponsor verifying completion of all training requirements as outlined for the temporary hearing aid dispensing trainee permit;
- E. proof of having passed the ~~[current IHS administered ILE within the previous 24 months]~~ board approved written exam;
- F. ~~[passing]~~ proof of having passed the board administered practical exam ~~[with a score of no less than seventy percent]~~;
- G. proof of having passed the jurisprudence examination with an overall score of no less than seventy percent; and
- H. have no disciplinary actions taken against any professional license they hold in any state or jurisdiction.

[16.26.2.14 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 26.3.11, 2/3/2006; A, 6/7/2010; A, 1/15/2015; A, 4/6/2016; A, 2/14/2017; A, 1/8/2023; A, 12/9/2025]

16.26.2.16 HEARING AID DISPENSER TRAINEE EXAMINATION FOR COMPETENCE:

Following the board's acceptance of the 320 hours of certified direct supervision in three months, persons with a temporary training permit are eligible to:

- A. Take the ~~[IHS administered ILE]~~ board approved written exam;
- B. Take the board-administered practical exam which evaluates proficiency in the following areas:
 - (1) Puretone audiometry including air conduction and bone conduction;
 - (2) recorded voice speech audiometry;
 - (3) masking when indicated;
 - (4) recording and evaluation of audiograms and speech audiometry;
 - (5) determining proper selection and adjustment of hearing aids;
 - (6) verification of efficacy of hearing aids; and
 - (7) taking earmold impressions
- C. The board office will schedule practical examinations once each quarter; the schedule will be posted on the board website, and applicants must register for the examination a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled exam;
- D. an applicant who fails the written or the practical portion of the examination must pay the application fee before being allowed to retake the examination;
- E. applicants who cannot sit for the examinations due to circumstances beyond their control must submit a written request prior to the scheduled examination; extenuating circumstances include illness, death in the immediate family, military service, or other severe circumstances which do not allow an applicant to attend the scheduled examination; applicant must provide documentation of extenuating circumstances; and
- F. applicants who fail to sit for scheduled examinations without prior notification must submit a new application, including the fee and all documentation.

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